

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, August 11, 2011

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:00 p.m. Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher read the minutes from the previous meeting. Roger moved to accept the previous minutes. Sue seconded.

RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, P. Cernava, G. Klag, J. Presley, G. Harrison, B. Murphy, D. Rice, J. Geib, S. Flint, R. Huth, R. Kerin

Old Business

Mike stated that a mediation hearing will take place on Aug 16 in the Town Hall regarding the usage of the field lights. The letter we received requested the mediation specific to the field light usage. The storage building is ready to go except for the handicap parking. The cement was pad poured and the fuel tank can be moved in about a week. Bob asked if the mediation hearing is open to the public. Mike stated it is open to public.

Sue stated that the playground equipment is installed at the school park, kids are already playing on it and it is really nice. It is a big success. Roger stated that it was paid for with donated money.

Roger has not had success in contacting the Rootstown trustees. He called Code Red for a comparison. Mary stated that she saw Bonnie Howe who stated the new alert system is much better. There was discussion about the emergency alert system.

New Business

Mike reported that we received a letter regarding the liquor license renewal for various establishments in the township. He wants to let the public know about the liquor license renewal so that if anyone has any issues they can bring it up to the trustees.

Sue reported on the Portage Planning meeting. Rootstown Township passed a zoning resolution that will not allow temporary concessions. They put a limit of four days. Sue voted against at Regional Planning. They are making a living and approved by the health department. It will probably come up in Randolph at some time. Mike stated that we dealt with transient vendors a while ago. There was discussion about a resolution in the zoning. Doug stated that most street vendors have the right if they have a permit. Mike feels if they are staying off government assistance they should be able to continue. Regional Planning is pursuing low income housing in Ravenna with state and federal money. Sue stated that she was nominated to serve on the Emergency Management Authority for the county. Sue stated that she is upset with something that was in Sound Off. She wanted to put it in the minutes to set the facts straight since some people believed the comments. Sue read the Sound Off comments. Sue stated that the RFD truck is cheaper to run than a fire truck. Chief Lang has a red truck, works full time in Stow and his wife is a registered nurse. They don't need the taxpayer money for gas nor would they abuse the use of township equipment. Sue stated that the alarm system was not bid out. Anything under \$20,000 does not need to be bid out. She explained that vandalism was the reason for the system. The alarm company is local and used by many other businesses in the township. He is the best and cheapest. Sue stated that it was brought up that it should have been bid out. She feels it was a valid point even though she knows he would be the cheapest. She is upset that the person did not speak up at a meeting. Sue stated that she does not get any kick ups. The alarm system owner is very upset. Sue stands behind him and feels he does a great job. She wanted to make sure township property is protected. Sue stated that the gravel for the post office was purchased by a private individual and Adelman trucking volunteered their services for spreading it both times. The trustees have approached the owner to make the repairs. The township cannot help a private business or individual maintain their property. She is upset that someone took something good and turned it into something ugly. She is upset at being accused of doing things that didn't happen. Paul did not write the article but does agree with some of the comments. Paul stated that she shouldn't threaten anyone. Sue stated that she didn't threaten anyone, but the alarm person would take legal action. Paul feels if there is a job to be done, it should be done. The trustees have the discretion to choose who to award it to. Sue agrees. She stated it was the first thing she had done and looking back she should have had it bid out. Bob stated that the lady who wrote a rebuttal stating that one should come to a meeting and get the facts. Roger wrote a letter to the editor and signed his name regarding his thoughts of the Sound Off column. Roger reiterated the fact of calling him or any trustee to get the facts. Roger stated that we all make mistakes, but a phone call can set the record straight.

Roger has nothing new at this time. Doug asked about the post office. Roger explained that due to negotiations they are not giving out any information.

Mary stated that there is an OPWC meeting on Monday, August 15 at the Engineer's Office. She and Larry will attend the meeting.

Mary stated we received our proposed 2012 budget back from the Budget Commission. She requested a motion to accept the amount and rates as recommended by the Budget Commission. Roger so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary requested a motion to submit a revenue amendment and adjust the appropriations accordingly in the amount of \$. Mike so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 145 – 154 in the amount of \$15,379.51 and pay warrants 32522 – 32564, EFTs 1011 – 1017 and voucher 18 totaling \$67,041.29. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry presented the road department report. Almost 10.5 miles of road has been chip and sealed at a cost of about \$16,000 per mile. Larry reported on ditch cleaning, pipe replacement, equipment maintenance and storage building electric service. Tim has completed about 60% of road mowing. Larry reported that the Eberly Road will be closed between Hartville Road and SR 44 beginning Monday for bridge repair. It should be completed by the end of October. There were four funerals for a YTD total of 17.

Dan presented the trustee's assistant and zoning report. One permit was issued for new residential construction. Dan presented information on the new Eagle Scout project at the Beverly Bird Sanctuary. Dan reported that the phone service is installed in the new road department/administration building. The new web site is up and running and will be updated as needed.

Public Comment

Ryan Kerin presented information for his Eagle Scout project. He would like to build 30 bird houses for the Beverly Bird Sanctuary. The trustees like the idea and the benefit to the community. Mike moved to approve the cost of \$7.00 per bird house. Roger seconded. Discussion: Mike asked that Ryan turn in the receipts to Mary for reimbursement. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

George stated it would be a good idea to get signatures for the Sound Off comments. Roger stated that if our forefathers had signed Constitution.

Doug stated that Sound Off got everyone's attention to attend the trustee meeting.

Paul asked about the sidewalk repairs with the fair coming up. Sue stated that there are no funds available to make the improvements at this time. Mike stated that transportation is provided by the fair from the school park.

Bob stated that core samples are being taken for well drilling in Rootstown. Sue brought attention to serious water issues that can happen with the venting of laterals. The venting fumes are not good. Sue stated that foundations have collapsed in Pennsylvania. Bob is concerned about the chemicals being used.

Doug stated the drilling company will test water within 1,000 feet of the well.

Rick commented on the state tournaments. Players come from a great distance and were very impressed with our grounds and concession prices. He proudly wore his Randolph Township shirt. Rick called the engineer's office about not resurfacing Waterloo Road from 224 west to 224 east. The engineer's office stated that this section was not heavily traveled. They also stated that they are responsible for 300 plus roads in the county. Mike thought about six years ago it would be paved based on traffic. We don't have anything to gauge it. Rick asked about concrete under the dumpsters. Mike stated that if we got a grant we would have done it. Rick stated that it is a mess. Mike stated that all recycle areas look bad.

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Gary asked about the Feed Mill Restaurant. Roger was informed by Chief Lang that they have completed the requirements for the lower occupancy and will be opening shortly. The Building Department has also approved the inspection.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Roger Klott
Mary A. Rodenbucker